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1. IN VIEW OF THE URGENCY TO CONVEY THE INFORMATION IN THE REFTEL, EMBOFF DISCUSSED CONTENTS WITH MFA DIRECTOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS WALTER GARDINI WHO UNDERSTOOD NEED FOR CLOSE HOLD AND SAID HE WOULD NOTIFY FOREIGN MINISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. GARDINI REMARKED THAT THOUGH HE HAD AN OBVIOUS INTEREST IN SPACE ACTIVITIES IT HAD NOT OCCURRED TO

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HIM THAT SOME SATELLITES WERE POWERED BY NUCLEAR REACTORS. LOGICALLY, HE OBSERVED, MOST PEOPLE HAVE NOT THOUGHT OF THAT POSSIBILITY. IT WOULD SEEM PRUDENT, IN HIS VIEW TO BE PREPARED IN ADVANCE TO RESPOND TO PRESS ATTACKS IN THE EVENT THAT THERE IS CONTAMINATION OF AN INHABITED AREA AND AS SEEMS INEVITABLE, IT THEN BECOMES PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. THE ATTACKS IN ITALY,

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HE BELIEVED, WOULD BE AGAINST BOTH SPACE POWERS,
NOT JUST THE USSR. THE U.S., AS WELL, HE SUGGESTED
WOULD BE ACCUSED OF DISREGARD FOR HUMAN WELFARE BY
PLACING POTENTIAL INSTRUMENTS OF DESTRUCTION INTO
ORBIT. GARDNER
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